

## **New Competencies for the 21st Century Dental Public Health Specialist**

1. Manage oral health programs for population health
2. Evaluate systems of care that impact oral health
3. Demonstrate ethical decision-making in the practice of dental public health
4. Design surveillance systems to measure oral health status and its determinants
5. Communicate on oral and public health issues
6. Lead collaborations on oral and public health issues
7. Advocate for public health policy, legislation, and regulations to protect and promote the public's oral health, and overall health
8. Critically appraise evidence to address oral health issues for individuals and populations
9. Conduct research to address oral and public health problems
10. Integrate the social determinants of health into dental public health practice

For more information about the dental public health competencies see the Journal of Public Health Dentistry special supplement.

### Reference

[Altman, D. and Mascarenhas, A. K. \(2016\), New competencies for the 21st century dental public health specialist. Journal of Public Health Dentistry, 76: S18–S28. doi:10.1111/jphd.12190](#)